

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(1) On page 1 of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning “A voice control system” with the following amended paragraph:

A voice control system that recognizes a voice command inputted by a user and controls a target device based on the voice command is shown in FIG. 11. The user inputs the command to the system via a microphone Z1. A ~~voice~~speech recognition circuit Z2 compares the inputted command with command recognition data stored in command list storage (dictionary) Z3, and selects a command that matches the inputted command. The extracted command is outputted to a function control circuit Z4. The function control circuit Z4 sends a signal to the target device Z5 to perform the function corresponding to the command. The user can operate the target device Z5 with voice commands.

(2) On page 2 of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning “The present invention therefore has” with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention therefore has an objective to provide a voice control system that has a function for providing a proper usage of a command when an improper voice command is inputted. A voice control system of the present invention includes a recognizable command storing means, a ~~voice~~speech recognition means, a message output means, a function setting detection means, and a command executability determination means. The storing means stores recognizable commands as ~~voice~~speech recognition data. The ~~voice~~speech recognition means recognizes a voice command inputted by a user as one of the recognizable commands by matching between the voice command and the recognizable commands.

(3) On page 5 of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning “A voice control system” with the following amended paragraph:

A voice control system 1 shown in FIG. 1 includes a command list storage 1A, a ~~voice~~ speech recognition circuit 1B, a function setting detection circuit 1C, a function control circuit 1D, a relational command list storage 1E, and a command executability determination circuit 1F. The command list storage 1A stores voice recognizable command data that is a dictionary of voice control commands for operation of a vehicle navigation system 2.

(4) On page 5 of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning “The voice recognition circuit 1B” with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~voice~~ speech recognition circuit 1B matches a voice command inputted by a user via a microphone 3 with commands in the dictionary. Then, it selects the command that most closely matches the voice command from the dictionary. The detection circuit 1C connected to the navigation system 2 detects function settings of the system 2 at regular intervals by interrupting the operation. An event-driven determination may be used by outputting a signal from the system 2 every time when any changes are made to the settings.

(5) On page 12 of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning “The frequency data storage 1H” with the following amended paragraph:

The frequency data storage 1H stores a frequency in the use of each command included in the voice recognizable dictionary. The frequency is expressed by the total number of times that the command has been used by the user. The number is incremented by one every time when the command is recognized by the ~~voice~~ speech recognition circuit 1B.